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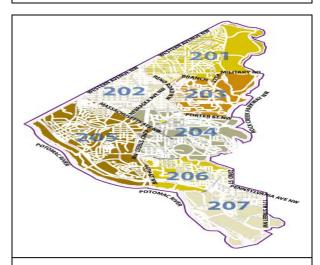
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A detailed descriptions of these and other cases from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District are provided inside of this report.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> District Community Prosecution Update

#### SUMMER OF SAFETY

Have you heard? The Summer of Safety (SOS) is now in full swing, with lots of activities, trips, cook-outs, lemonade stands, skate mobiles, and camps going on right in your community. There are over 500 events spread across all seven districts. This program was set-up to capture the young people within our community to make sure that they are engaged in something positive during the summer months. MPD teamed up with many community organizations and partnered with both the federal and local government to make this summer fulfilling for all DC Youths.

Come out, help out, and join in to be part of the activities in your community! The list of events are posted on MPD's website <a href="https://www.mpdc.dc.gov">www.mpdc.dc.gov</a>,or you can call the "I'M BORED" Hotline on (202) 462-6733.

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#### THE COURT REPORT

Two men from Brooklyn, New York have been found guilty of numerous charges for their roles in the Georgetown Jewelry Store robbery during which the owner was shot on August 20, 2006. On June 17, 2008, a Superior Court of the District of Columbia jury found Jose Lucas, 29, and Lexton Pellew, 25, both of Brooklyn, New York, guilty of one count of Conspiracy to Rob, one count of Second Degree Burglary while Armed, three counts of Armed Robbery, three counts of Kidnapping while Armed, one count of Felony Threats, and nine counts of related gun charges. Pellew was also found guilty of one separate count of Aggravated Assault while Armed and one corresponding count of possessing a firearm during a crime of violence.

The facts established at trial revealed that five men from Brooklyn, New York, i.e., Lexton Pellew, Jose Lucas, Makonnen Romney, Chuka Ezeokoli, and Damian Hamilton, conspired to rob and did rob the Georgetown Jewelry Store located at 1265 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. on August 20, 2006. The men robbed the store in broad daylight, and in the course of the robbery, Pellew shot the owner through the stomach, at close range, with a high-powered handgun. Ezeokoli, Hamilton, and Romney previously pled guilty for their roles in robbery, wherein they each admitted their involvement. The Honorable Robert I. Richter will sentence Lucas and Pellew on August 22, 2008. Under the voluntary sentencing guidelines, both defendants face a possible sentence of more than 80 years in prison.

A former counselor at the National Children's Center (NCC), a residential facility for individuals with developmental disabilities, has pled guilty and been sentenced for assaulting a minor child who resides at the facility. On June 24, 2008, Willie Eubanks, 36, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, pled guilty to one count of Simple Assault in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Erik Christian. Judge Christian sentenced Eubanks to 180 days in prison, with all but 45 days suspended and two years of supervised probation. Eubanks was also ordered to undergo anger management and drug testing. Judge Christian imposed orders for Eubanks to stay away from the facility, the minor child, and all minor children under the age of eighteen. In addition, Eubanks was ordered to pay \$100 to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund. (Case No. 2008DVM000626; PSA 206)

**FACTS:** According to the government's evidence, on September 30, 2007, staff took the 10-year-old victim and other residents of NCC on a community outing to the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts (Kennedy Center), located in Northwest Washington, D.C. Two Kennedy Center security guards witnessed Eubanks strike the child multiple times on his neck, back, and stomach while he was seated on an NCC bus parked in the Kennedy Center parking lot. When confronted by the security guards, Eubanks told them he was disciplining the child for misbehaving in the Kennedy Center.

#### **DISTRICT COURT CASES**

Edward Maddox, a 44-year-old District of Columbia man, was found guilty by a jury on June 2, 2008, in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Convicted of a Crime Punishable by Imprisonment for a Term Exceeding One Year. Maddox is scheduled to be sentenced on October 3, 2008, before the Honorable Paul L. Friedman. Maddox faces a maximum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment under the statute. Under the federal sentencing guidelines, he faces a likely sentencing range of 41 to 51 months imprisonment.

**FACTS:** The government's evidence at trial established that, on September 29, 2007, at approximately 7:00 a.m., Metropolitan Police Department officers were conducting an investigation into the defendant's suspected narcotics-related activities. As part of this investigation, undercover officers waited for the defendant to arrive near the 5000 block of Sheriff Road, NE – an area which the defendant frequently visited. The undercover officers saw the defendant drive into the block a short time later, and then notified uniformed officers who were stationed nearby.

When these uniformed officers arrived at the scene, they saw a small, empty plastic bag – consistent with the type of bag used to package illegal narcotics – inside the defendant's car. A narcotics-detecting dog was subsequently brought to the scene to help investigate the contents of the car for contraband. When the narcotics-detecting dog walked around the car, the dog made a very strong alert at the front driver's side wheel well, which was an indicator that narcotics were present inside the car.

After receiving this information, officers then opened the car and began to search it. Inside the car, officers recovered various items, including a loaded .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun, ziplock bags of heroin, and various paperwork in the defendant's name. The investigation also revealed that Maddox previously had been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

Connie Alexander, age 52, of Bowie, Maryland, pleaded guilty to receipt of stolen property and conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with a property tax refund scheme in which millions of dollars were stolen from the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein and United States Attorney for the District of Columbia Jeffrey A. Taylor. As part of her plea agreement, Connie Alexander agreed to forfeit \$3,185,370 and, in order to satisfy such money judgment, to forfeit a Mercedes-Benz car, a Harley Davidson motorcycle, a Cadillac Escalade SUV, designer handbags, 62 pieces of jewelry, fur coats and monies held in three bank accounts. U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein stated, "We will seek the forfeiture of all criminal proceeds and property purchased with stolen money because victims deserve restitution and criminals must not be permitted to profit from their crimes. Connie Alexander's conviction is an important step in our ongoing effort to see to it that justice is done. We will not relent in this investigation until every coconspirator is held accountable."

Special Agent in Charge C. Andre Martin, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, stated, "Money laundering is tax evasion in progress. The IRS - Criminal Investigation Division with the law enforcement community are united in our resolve to financially disrupt criminal organizations that commit crimes against our society and economy."

FACTS: According to the plea agreement, Alexander first met a co-conspirator (Conspirator) in 1992 when Alexander was working at a Maryland casino that the Conspirator frequented. They became friends, and the Conspirator often gave Alexander gifts of money averaging \$5,000 per gift. The Conspirator also gave Alexander furs, and paid for much of Alexander's 2006 wedding and reception at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada sometime between 1998 and 2000, the Conspirator introduced Alexander to Walter Jones, whom the Conspirator described as her Soon thereafter, the Conspirator provided Alexander with envelopes containing fraudulently obtained District of Columbia government checks to take to Jones at bank branches in the District of Columbia and Maryland, saying that Jones would know what to do with the envelopes. Sometimes Jones directed Alexander to endorse some of the District of Columbia government checks, even though Alexander did not have an account at the bank and Alexander was not entitled to the proceeds of the checks. Other times, Jones directed Alexander to endorse the District of Columbia government checks by signing "Connie Alexander, Esquire" or to endorse the checks in the name of a law firm, even though Alexander was not an attorney and had no affiliation with the law firm. Each time, Jones completed the transaction and gave Alexander an envelope to take back to the Conspirator. The Conspirator sometimes gave Alexander cash gifts after completing a transaction. From December 1998 to November 2007, Alexander deposited on behalf of the Conspirator at least eight District of Columbia checks totaling \$1,558,246.83. The individual checks ranged in amounts from \$51,510 to \$459,990. At the Conspirator's direction, Alexander deposited two of these checks in the amounts of \$459,990 and \$345,500 in a bank account Alexander opened for her business called "Aurora R.E. Enterprises," a name suggested by the Conspirator.

Between 2002 and 2007, Alexander received at least \$3,185,370 in 92 cash payments from members of the conspiracy. Individual payments ranged in amounts of \$1,000 to \$150,000. Alexander used some of the money to obtain a 2000 Mercedes-Benz automobile, 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle, 2003 Cadillac Escalade SUV, three projection televisions, designer handbags, 62 pieces of jewelry, eight fur coats and two other coats, all of which she has agreed to forfeit, in addition to proceeds from three bank accounts.

Alexander faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for receipt of stolen property and 20 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the transactions involved, whichever is greater, for conspiracy to commit money laundering. U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. has scheduled her sentencing for September 25, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Richard Walters, age 49, of Bowie, Maryland, pleaded guilty on May 29, 2008 in connection with the property tax refund scheme. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for

receipt of stolen property and 20 years in prison for conspiracy to commit money laundering. Judge Williams scheduled his sentencing for September 8, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Walter Jones, age 33, of Essex, Maryland, pleaded guilty on May 21, 2008 and faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the transactions involved, whichever is greater, for conspiracy to commit money laundering. Judge Williams scheduled his sentencing for September 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Marilyn Yoon, age 40, of Derwood, Maryland, also pleaded guilty on May 19, 2008 in connection with the property tax refund scheme. She faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for possession of property obtained by fraud. Judge Williams scheduled her sentencing for September 12, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Ricardo R. Walters, age 33, of Ft. Washington, Maryland, pleaded guilty on May 2, 2008 in connection with the property tax refund scheme and faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for receipt of stolen property and 20 years in prison for conspiracy to commit money laundering. Judge Williams scheduled his sentencing for July 23, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

United States Attorneys Rod J. Rosenstein and Jeffrey A. Taylor thanked the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation; the Inspector General's Office for the District of Columbia; the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue, Criminal Investigation Division; and the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Integrity and Oversight for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorneys Jonathan Su and Deborah Johnston from the District of Maryland and Assistant United States Attorneys Timothy Lynch and David Johnson from the District of Columbia, who are prosecuting the case.

A 40-count indictment has been returned against eleven members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street crew charging them with Conspiracy, Criminal Street Gang Affiliation, and numerous drug trafficking charges. In 2006, the Council of the District of Columbia passed legislation to combat the growing problem of criminal street gangs in our city. The legislation, which was signed into law by the Mayor, not only criminalizes certain conduct by gang members designed to create or perpetuate the existence of street gangs, but also provides for additional criminal charges and penalties when certain crimes are committed as part of the activity of a criminal street gang. In mid-2006, a joint task force consisting of FBI agents, Metropolitan Police and U.S. Park Police officers and detectives began an operation in and around the 3400-3600 blocks of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE, to investigate gang activity. Specifically, undercover law enforcement operations resulted in dozens of videotaped drug buys from members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street crew. The operation resulted in the return earlier this week of a 40-count indictment by a Superior Court grand jury against eleven individuals, who are charged with violating the new Criminal Street Gang law, in addition to conspiracy and narcotics charges.

FACTS: According to the indictment, the eleven defendants were members and active participants of a criminal street gang, referred to as the "22<sup>nd</sup> Street" crew, and based principally in the 3400, 3500 and 3600 blocks of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE, Washington, D.C. The indictment alleges that the purposes and activities of the gang included: (1) financing the members' operations through drug trafficking; (2) protecting and safeguarding the members' turf and base of operations; (3) promoting and enhancing the reputation and stature of the criminal street gang and its members; (4) and protecting the criminal street gang and its members from detection, investigation, and apprehension by law enforcement and from conviction of criminal charges. Specifically, the indictment charges each defendant with participating in a narcotics conspiracy. Each defendant is also charged with one or more drug offenses and a corresponding criminal street gang count for committing the drug offense as a member of, and for the benefit of, the criminal street gang. If convicted of the charges, the defendants face sentencing ranges of up to 40 years in prison.

Beginning yesterday morning, law enforcement officers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Park Police, and the Metropolitan Police Department, spread throughout the District of Columbia, and executed the arrest and search warrants. Search warrants were executed in at least three different locations in the District of Columbia. Those arrested yesterday include Demetrius R. Prysock, 21, James O. Gray, 26, Demetruis Wilkins, 24, Charles Chandler, 22, and Paris L. Cottingham, 24. Four additional defendants were previously arrested and are currently incarcerated pending trial on other charges.

"The criminal street gang indictment against eleven members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street crew marks an important step forward in the war on gang activity in our nation's capital," said U.S. Attorney Taylor.

"The arrests were the result of the hard work of the FBI-MPD Safe Streets Task Force. They have one goal only – to rid our communities of violent criminals, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Crew is no exception. The arrests put the crew on notice that we will find them no matter where they are," said MPD Chief Lanier.

"Today's announcement of the indictment and nine arrests signify that the FBI will continue to use all available resources and join with our law enforcement partners to stop the violent and illegal gang activities that are threatening the safety of our citizens," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini.

"Through the combined efforts of federal and local enforcement agencies, we have become more effective in combating criminal activity," said U.S. Park Police Acting Assistant Chief Lauro. "The visitors and residents of the District of Columbia are safer because of the communications and partnerships built by this Task Force."

The case was investigated by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Laura R. Bach and John Giovannelli and will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sean Tonolli and Todd Gee.

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Queen Nwoye, a 30-year-old Laurel, Maryland woman, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to a term of 20 months in prison for her role in a conspiracy to extort \$185,000 from a local physician for not revealing an extramarital affair. In addition to imposing the prison term, the Honorable Ellen Segal Huvelle ordered that the defendant pay restitution in the amount of \$178,809, pay a \$100 special assessment, and be placed on three years of supervised release following completion of her prison sentence. In November 2007, Nwoye was found guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Extortion.

**FACTS:** The evidence presented at trial demonstrated that in 2001, Nwoye immigrated from Nigeria to the United States with her husband and children. Eventually, Nwoye, who worked as a nurse in Catonsville, Maryland, met a local physician, Dr. Ikemba Iweala, whose wife was then an official with the Nigerian government. Nwoye and the doctor engaged in an extramarital affair for several months, beginning in late 2002. After the affair ended, Nwoye began another extramarital affair with her co-conspirator, who lived in California, but often visited Maryland, where Nwoye lived.

In February 2006, Nwoye informed her lover and co-conspirator that she had once dated Dr. Iweala. The co-conspirator quickly formed a plan to extort the doctor. In furtherance of that plan, Nowye called the doctor to tell him that she had told one of her cousins about her affair with the doctor, and the cousin – who actually was the co-conspirator – wanted to speak to the doctor. The doctor reluctantly called the cousin, i.e., the co-conspirator, who then demanded payment from the doctor in exchange for not informing the doctor's wife and the press about his affair with Nwoye. During the course of the conspiracy, from February 21, 2006, through April 10, 2006, the doctor made six separate payments, totaling \$185,000, to Nwoye and the co-conspirator. Financial records showed that Nwoye, who personally picked up several of the payments or received wire transfers into her bank account, kept \$11,000 of the proceeds while the co-conspirator retained the remainder of the payments.

Ronald G. Payton, a 24-year-old former investigator at U.S. Investigations Services, Inc. ("USIS"), who conducted background investigations on behalf of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management ("OPM"), has pled guilty to one count of making a false statement. Payton, of Waldorf, Maryland, entered his guilty plea earlier today in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. Payton is scheduled to be sentenced on September 15, 2008, and could face up to 6 months in prison under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines as a result of the guilty plea.

**FACTS:** According to the factual proffer agreed to by Payton, Payton was employed by USIS as an investigator under contract to conduct background investigations on behalf of OPM. OPM's Federal Investigative Services Division ("FISD"), formerly known as the Center for Federal Investigative Services, is responsible for conducting background investigations for

numerous federal agencies and their contractors. OPM-FISD has an investigator workforce comprised of federal agents employed by OPM-FISD and investigators employed by various companies, such as USIS, under contract with OPM-FISD to conduct background investigations. OPM-FISD conducts background investigations of individuals who are either employed by or seeking employment with federal agencies or government contractors. The purpose of the background investigations is to determine individuals' suitability for positions having access to classified information, for positions impacting national security, and for receiving or retaining security clearances.

In conducting these background investigations, contract investigators conduct interviews of individuals who have information about the person who is the subject of the background investigation. In addition, contract investigators seek out, obtain, and review documentary evidence, such as employment records, to verify and corroborate information provided by either the subject of the background investigation or by persons interviewed during the investigation. After conducting interviews and obtaining documentary evidence, contract investigators prepare a Report of Investigation ("ROI"), containing the results of the interviews and records reviews, and electronically submit the ROI to OPM in Washington, D.C. OPM then provides a copy of the investigative file to the requesting agency and maintains a copy in its records system.

The ROI containing the results of the interviews and records reviews conducted during a background investigation is utilized and relied upon by the agency requesting the background investigation to determine whether the subject of the investigation is suitable for a position having access to classified information, for a position impacting national security, or for receiving or retaining security clearance.

On or about February 14, 2008, in a ROI of a background investigation of B.D., Payton stated that he had interviewed four individuals, among others, about B.D. (and reported what these four individuals had purportedly stated about B.D.), when, in truth and in fact, Payton had not interviewed any of these four individuals about B.D. On the same date, Payton electronically submitted to OPM in Washington, D.C., his ROI on the background investigation of B.D., which contained the above-mentioned false statements. These false statements were material, as they influenced the government's decisions and activities with respect to B.D. In or about April 2008, Payton began calling one of those four individuals whom he had not interviewed about B.D. and leaving lengthy voice-mail messages asking her to state falsely that she had been interviewed by him regarding B.D.

Between October 2007 and February 2008, in at least six ROI's on background investigations, Payton stated that he had interviewed a source regarding the subject of the background investigation when, in truth and in fact, he had not conducted the interview. Beginning in or about July 2007, on at least five occasions, in his ROI's on background investigations, Payton stated that he had reviewed records obtained by him when, in truth and in fact, Payton had not obtained those records. In his ROI's on background investigations, Payton also fabricated answers to questions that he had forgotten to ask in interviews that he had actually conducted.

All of these false statements were material, as they influenced the government's decisions and activities with respect to the subjects of those background investigations.

Payton's false statements in his ROI's on background investigations have required OPM-FISD to reopen and rework numerous background investigations that were assigned to Payton during the time period of his falsifications, at an estimated cost of at least \$10,000 to the United States government.

Five individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury in two separate indictments with drug trafficking and interstate transportation of stolen goods charges. In one six-count indictment, David Dawson, 39, of Hyattsville, MD, and Maurice Crutchfield, 35, of the 3000 block of Stanton Road, SE, Washington, D.C., are charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to transport and/or receive stolen goods, unlawful use of a communication facility (telephone), and unlawful distribution of 50 grams or more of cocaine. Dawson was arraigned this afternoon in U.S. District Court before U.S. Magistrate Judge John Facciola.

**FACTS:** In a second eleven-count indictment, Kenneth Posey, 54, of Landover, Maryland, John Haley, 61, of the 1000 block of Eastern Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C., and Ronald Haley, 56, also known as "Billy," of no fixed address, are also charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to transport and/or receive stolen goods, unlawful use of a communication facility (telephone), and unlawful distribution of 50 grams or more of cocaine. Posey and Ronald Haley were also arraigned this afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Facciola.

If convicted of the charges, the defendants face a penalty of ten years to life imprisonment.

Yesterday, law enforcement recovered during the execution of several search warrants more than two kilograms of powder cocaine; 500 grams of crack; 147 pounds of marijuana; packaging materials; approximately \$140,000 in cash, four firearms, ammunition and presumed stolen property.

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Four members of MS-13, a notorious and violent Hispanic gang, have been charged by a federal grand jury in a 19-count indictment with conspiracy to commit violent crimes in aid of racketeering, including murder in aid of racketeering, and various firearms violations within the District of Columbia between 2006 and 2007. The alleged leaders of the conspiracy, William Cordova, 23, also known as "Centinella" or "Mario," and Jose Gutierrez, 19, also known as "Astuto" or "Marco," are also charged with maiming in aid of racketeering and threats to commit crimes of violence in aid of racketeering. Cordova, Gutierrez, and the remaining defendants, William Osorio-Rivas, 20, also known as

"Macklin," and Melvin Sorto, 21, also known as "Killer" or "Fantasma," are further charged with numerous overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy that culminated in the murder of Edwin Ventura, on April 22, 2007.

**FACTS:** The indictment was returned under seal on June 10, 2008, and unsealed today following the initial appearance of Sorto before U.S. Magistrate John Facciola this afternoon. Sorto was arrested on June 11, 2008, by the Washington D.C. Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force. Cordova and Gutierrez were previously arrested. On June 19, 2008, all three defendants, Cordova, Sorto, and Gutierrez will be arraigned before the Honorable Judge Richard J. Leon, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Osorio-Rivas will have to be extradited to the United States. If convicted of the charges, the defendants face the possibility of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Additionally, the defendants are charged in a death penalty eligible count.

"Gang violence and all of its accompanying destructive behavior is an ill that will not be tolerated in our nation's capital," stated U.S. Attorney Taylor. "This indictment serves as a wake-up call to those who join gangs and engage in violent criminal conduct that there are serious consequences for such activity."

"The indictment of these four gang members clearly reflects ICE's steadfast commitment to ridding our communities of the violent transnational street gangs that have polluted our neighborhoods and instilled fear in our citizens for far too long," said ICE Special Agent in Charge McGraw. "Those who seek to rob our children of the innocence of their youth should be on notice that we will continue working with our law enforcement partners at every level to identify, target and arrest anyone involved in this sort of criminal behavior."

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"The Metropolitan Police Department is devoting personnel and resources to specifically combat this type of violent crime. Today's indictment is the result of the hard work of our detectives. We have our eye on MS-13 and are committed to bringing them to justice," said Chief Lanier. The indictment alleges that Cordova, Gutierrez, Osorio-Rivas, and Sorto, were members and associates of a criminal organization known as La Mara Salvatrucha, also known as MS-13. MS-13 is a violent gang involved in a variety of criminal activities including assaults, threats, extortion, witness intimidation, aggravated assault, assaults with intent to kill, and murder in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and elsewhere. The indictment further charges that Cordova, Gutierrez, Osorio-Rivas, and Sorto, conspired together, and with others, to commit

violent crimes in aid of racketeering in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and elsewhere.

The indictment alleges that the four defendants, together with other members of MS-13, conspired to kill members of rival gangs and persons that interfered with, or threatened, MS-13, for the purpose of gaining entry to or maintaining and increasing their position within MS-13. As a result of the conspiracy, the indictment charges the defendants with numerous overt acts and violent crimes committed in aid of racketeering. The indictment charges all four defendants with the murder of Edwin Ventura and the assault with a dangerous weapon of Nelson Maldonado, on April 22, 2007, in the 2900 block of Sherman Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. Cordova and Gutierrez are further charged with the maiming of Feliciana Flores-Esquina Flores, on June 1, 2007, in the 3000 block of Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington D.C., and also with threatening to commit crimes of violence. Cordova is further charged with the assault with a dangerous weapon of Dennis Diaz-Gutierrez, Josue Levia, and Jhosimar Alvarez-Torrez, on July 30, 2006, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia. All four defendants are charged with using firearms during the commission of violent crimes committed in aid of racketeering.

The indictment is the latest result of an investigation initiated by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the Washington D.C. Joint Fugitive Task Force.

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W. Patrick Syring, a former foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State, pleaded guilty in federal court in Washington, D.C., to federal civil rights charges for threatening employees of the Arab American Institute (AAI) because of their race and national origin. Syring is scheduled to be sentenced on June 30, 2008. During his guilty plea hearing, Syring admitted that he sent a series of threatening email and voicemail communications to six employees of AAI in July 2006, that he intended to interfere with his victims' employment, and that he sought to intimidate the victims because of their race as Arab-Americans and their national origin as Lebanese-Americans. AAI is a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., that promotes Arab-American participation in the U.S. electoral system. In addition to pleading guilty to violating a federal civil rights statute that prohibits race- or national origin-based interference with employment, Syring pleaded guilty to a felony count of sending threatening communications in interstate commerce. Syring faces a maximum sentence of six years imprisonment.

**FACTS:** According to the indictment, Syring sent four emails and three voicemails to AAI employees from approximately July 17 to 29, 2006. An additional email condemned AAI for a fatal shooting at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle in July 2006 that was committed by a lone gunman who had no affiliation with AAI.

A career foreign service officer and a resident of Arlington, Va., Syring retired from the US Department of State in July 2007.

"Threatening others and attempting to interfere with their employment because of their race or national origin is offensive to our nation's fundamental values," said Grace Chung Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. "The Justice Department is committed to vigorously prosecuting the federal laws that prohibit such violent threats."

This case was investigated by Special Agents Greg H. Bristol and Jay Greenberg of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Julieanne Himelstein for the District of Washington, D.C., along with Civil Rights Division Deputy Chief Mark Blumberg, Trial Attorney Karen Ruckert, and Special Legal Counsel Barry F. Kowalski, from the Department of Justice.

Prosecuting the perpetrators of bias-motivated crimes is a top priority of the Justice Department. Since 2001, the Civil Rights Division has convicted 163 defendants in 123 cases involving bias-motivated crimes.

Mark Stubblefield, a 50-year-old District of Columbia man, has been indicted by a federal grand jury with engaging in a three-month bank robbery spree earlier this year.

**FACTS:** In a seven-count indictment that was returned today, Stubblefield was charged with six counts of bank robbery and one count of attempted bank robbery. The indictment alleges that between January 29, 2008, and April 21, 2008, Stubblefield robbed Washington First Bank, United Bank, and Commerce Bank, (some of the banks he robbed on multiple occasions) and attempted to rob Urban Trust Bank, all located in Downtown Northwest, Washington, D.C.

If convicted of the charges, Stubblefield faces a possible sentence of up to 20 years for each robbery.

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Parthasarathy Sudarshan, 47, the owner of an international electronics business, was sentenced in the District of Columbia to 35 months in prison for his role in a conspiracy to illegally export controlled electronic components to government entities in India that participate in the development of ballistic missiles, space launch vehicles, and fighter jets. The sentencing was announced by Patrick Rowan, Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security; Jeffrey A. Taylor, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge, FBI Washington Field Office; Darryl W. Jackson, Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, U.S. Department of Commerce, and

Julie Myers, Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). On March 13, 2008, Sudarshan, a resident of Simpsonville, South Carolina, pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to the felony charge of conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the Export Administration Regulations; and to violate the Arms Export Control Act and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations. Sudarshan was sentenced by the Honorable Ricardo Urbina.

**FACTS:** According to court documents filed by the government, Sudarshan did business as Cirrus Electronics ("Cirrus") and held himself out to be Cirrus' CEO, Managing Director, and President and Group Head. Cirrus has offices in Simpsonville, South Carolina, Singapore, and Bangalore, India. Among the recipients of U.S. technology in this case were the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), an enterprise within the Department of Space of the Government of India, and Bharat Dynamics, Ltd. (BDL), an enterprise within the Ministry of Defence of the Government of India.

The U.S. government has determined that VSSC participates in India's space launch vehicle program and that BDL participates in India's development and production of ballistic missiles. As such, both VSSC and BDL are on the Department of Commerce's Entity List and exports of U.S.-origin commodities to these entities are restricted and require prior authorization in the form of a license from the Department of Commerce.

Between 2002 and 2006, Sudarshan acquired electrical components with applications in missile guidance and firing systems in the United States for VSSC and BDL. In particular, in the case of at least two U.S. vendors, Sudarshan and others at Cirrus provided the U.S. companies with fraudulent certificates that claimed that the end-users of these electrical components were non-restricted entities in India, when, in fact, the items were for VSSC. There were no export licenses for any of the shipments to VSSC and BDL. To further conceal from the U.S. government that goods were going to entities in India on the Department of Commerce Entity List, Sudarshan would route the products through its Singapore office and then send the packages on to India.

In addition to supplying VSSC and BDL with components, Sudarshan acquired microprocessors for the Tejas, a fighter jet under development in India. The microprocessors were necessary for the navigation and weapons systems of the Tejas. Because the microprocessors are on the U.S. Munitions List, the State Department must license any export of the products. On two occasions in 2004 and 2006, Cirrus caused the shipment of a total of 500 microprocessors to the Aeronautical Development Establishment, an enterprise within the Ministry of Defence of the Government of India responsible for the development of the Tejas. There were no licenses for these shipments.

This investigation was conducted by the FBI; the Department of Commerce, Office of Export Enforcement; and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Darren Jenkins, a 44-year-old District Heights, Maryland man, has pled guilty to loan sharking in connection with his making extortionate extensions of credit, Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor and Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office. Jenkins entered his guilty plea in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Rosemary M. Collyer. Jenkins, who is scheduled to be sentenced on September 18, 2008, faces a statutory penalty of up to 20 years in jail, three years of supervised release, a fine and restitution. Under the federal sentencing guidelines, Jenkins faces a likely sentencing range of 24 to 30 months in prison.

**FACTS:** During the plea hearing, Jenkins admitted that between October 2002 and October 2007, he made 11 separate loans to a local school teacher, totaling an estimated \$6,000. At the time the loans were made, both Jenkins and the teacher understood that delay in making repayment or failure to make repayment could result in the use of violence against the teacher. During the years that the loans were outstanding, Jenkins charged the teacher 10% interest per week and late penalties, and he used threats of violence against the teacher to collect the loan repayments, including the interest and penalties for late payments. For a two-year period, the teacher wrote more than \$48,000 in checks to Jenkins in an effort to repay the outstanding balance. The teacher also made many additional cash payments to Jenkins until she finally notified the FBI in August 2007. After being notified, the FBI investigation led to at least one other victim of Jenkins' loan sharking scheme. Jenkins has agreed to make restitution to both victims.

Michael A. Battle, a 36-year-old District of Columbia man, was sentenced before Judge Ricardo M. Urbina in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to 135 months of incarceration for distributing more than 50 grams of cocaine base in a school zone in 2005.

**FACTS:** Battle was found guilty by a federal jury in April 2008. According to the government's evidence, the defendant sold 179.3 grams of crack cocaine in 2005 over three different occasions to an undercover officer – enough crack for about 1800 individual uses – in the Northwest quandrant of Washington, D.C. One of the sales was within 1000 feet of Cuno-Rudolph Elementary School.

Rashelle L. Henderson, 22, a former D.C. Public School (DCPS) employee, of District Heights, Maryland, and her friend and co-conspirator, Tashana E. Crews, 25, of Oxon Hill, Maryland, each pled guilty in U.S. District Court to conspiracy to commit identity theft. The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan scheduled sentencing for both defendants on October 14, 2008. Henderson and Crews each face a maximum sentence of 15 years and a fine of \$250,000 under the statute. The defendants and government agreed that the applicable sentencing range under the advisory federal sentencing guidelines is 12 to 18 months in prison.

**FACTS:** According to the government's evidence, between April 2006 and March 2007, Henderson, who worked as a Program Support Specialist in DCPS's Office of Workforce and Professional Development, located at 215 G Street, NE, stole the personal identifiers of DCPS personnel or those applying to become DCPS personnel. Henderson sent the stolen information to her friend, Crews, through their email accounts. Henderson and Crews used the personal identifiers of these individuals to open lines of credit via the Internet. In total, Henderson and/or Crews successfully opened 30 lines of credit through which they obtained \$40,000 in goods, services and U.S. currency through cash advances.

Renita Franklin-Thrower, a 42-year-old Baltimore, MD woman, who worked as a payroll administrator for the American Red Cross (Red Cross), has been sentenced to four months in jail and ordered to pay restitution for embezzling more than \$28,000 from the organization. In addition to the jail term and order of restitution in the amount of \$28,617.50, the Honorable Richard J. Leon also ordered the defendant to complete 200 hours of community service. The defendant pled guilty on December 21, 2007, to one count of Obtaining Funds by Embezzlement.

**FACTS:** According to the proffer of evidence presented to the Court, on August 4, 2005, Franklin-Thrower was hired by the Red Cross to work at its National Headquarters in the District of Columbia as a payroll administrator at an annual salary of \$50,024. Franklin-Thrower received her salary by electronic funds deposit (direct deposit) into her PNC bank account.

Franklin-Thrower also had access to manual payroll checks maintained by the Red Cross, which were kept secured and were only accessible by the small payroll staff and some supervisors. Beginning on or about August 28, 2006, until on or about January 11, 2007, Franklin-Thrower devised a scheme to embezzle money from the Red Cross by using her position in the payroll department to produce Red Cross manual payroll checks made out to herself, to which she was not entitled.

Upon completion of the manual checks made out to herself, Franklin-Thrower would either deposit the money or otherwise convert the money to her use with neither the knowledge nor authority of the Red Cross. From on or about August 28, 2006, until on or about January 11, 2007, Franklin-Thrower executed this scheme on seven occasions and wrote seven manual checks to herself totaling \$28,617.50, to which she was not entitled.

Salvador Diaz, a 33-year-old Silver Spring, Maryland man, has pled guilty to bribing a former employee of the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in exchange for facially valid, but fraudulently obtained, District of Columbia driver's licenses for foreign nationals, Diaz pleaded guilty earlier today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before the Honorable Richard J. Leon to a one-count Information charging Bribery by a Public Official. In pleading guilty, Diaz, admitted that on October 19, 2005, he solicited DMV employee Patricia Gonzalez to renew his District of Columbia driver's license even though he no longer resided in the District of Columbia.

**FACTS:** Beginning in the Fall of 2006 through May 2007, he brought other foreign nationals to Gonzalez to obtain facially valid driver's licenses. Most of these individuals were not eligible to obtain such driver's licenses because they did not reside in the District of Columbia or were not legally present within the U.S. or for as long as Gonzalez entered into the DMV computer system. Further, many of these individuals were unable to read in either English or Spanish and, therefore, were unable to pass the knowledge and road skills tests. Diaz admitted paying Gonzalez between \$500 and \$800 for dozens of fraudulent licenses she issued.

As Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan B. Menzer explained to the Court, the District of Columbia permits foreign nationals, who are legally present in the United States and can continue to legally reside in the U.S. for at least another six months, to obtain driver's licenses. To apply for a driver's license, however, a foreign national must complete an application and present proof of his name, date of birth, social security number, and District of Columbia residency. Once a foreign national establishes his eligibility to obtain a driver's license, he must pass the vision screening test and, depending upon whether he possesses a valid out-of-state or foreign driver's license, he must take either or both the knowledge and road skills tests. Any District of Columbia driver's license issued to a foreign national, however, remains valid only as long as that individual is legally present in the United States.

Diaz is scheduled to be sentenced on October 2, 2008. He faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 under the statute. The applicable range under the advisory federal sentencing guidelines is 18 to 24 months of incarceration.

Previously, on May 19, 2008, Gonzalez entered a guilty plea to a one count information, charging her with receipt of a bribe by a public official. She admitted that she issued approximately 200 fraudulent driver's licenses. These individuals did not complete an application or present complete documentation, verifying their names, dates of birth, social security numbers, District of Columbia residency, or legal presence in the U.S. In order to issue the licenses, Gonzalez admitted entering false information into DMV's computer system and using her override authority where the computer system's internal controls rejected the data. For example, if the social security number Gonzalez entered failed to verify because it did not match the name or date of birth entered or was invalid (e.g., the number had yet to be issued by the Social Security Administration), she overrode the system and falsely asserted in a comment box that the customer had presented a verification letter from the Social Security Administration. If a customer did not possess a social security number, Gonzalez often entered "000-00-0000" and made a false comment entry that a social security number verification was not required. With respect to the legal presence in the U.S. requirement, Gonzalez falsely entered that many of these individuals were U.S. citizens. For others, she elevated an individual's status to Permanent Resident and extended the expiration date of the individual's legal status significantly to avoid the requirement that D.C. driver's license expire on the date of expiration of legal status and fraudulently extended the expiration date of the driver's license to the maximum period permitted by law, that is the individual's last birthday within five years from the date the driver's license was issued.

Gonzalez bypassed the knowledge and road skills examination requirements by falsely entering data in the computer system that the foreign national possessed a valid out-of-state or foreign driver's license, input bogus test results or added a comment that the system that verified the test results was down.

In addition to Gonzalez and Diaz, Gloria Gonzalez-Paz of Hyattsville, Maryland, pled guilty to bribery before Judge Leon on May 13, 2008. Similar to Diaz, Gonzalez-Paz brought other foreign nationals to Gonzalez to obtain fraudulent, but facially valid, driver's licenses. Seven of those individuals who obtained these fraudulent driver's have also pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing. Each of these individuals pled guilty to a local D.C. charge of misdemeanor fraud and face a maximum sentence of 180 days and a fine of \$1,000.

Robert O. Steven, former IRS employee, age 55, of Edgewater, Maryland, pleaded guilty to receipt of stolen property and conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with a property tax refund scheme in which millions of dollars were stolen from the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein and U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Jeffrey A. Taylor. As part of his plea agreement, Steven agreed to a money judgment of \$9,272,312 and, in order to satisfy such money judgment, to forfeit three Jaguar cars, two residences, jewelry and monies held in four bank accounts.

U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein stated, "This case is particularly egregious because Richard Steven was an IRS employee when he joined in this conspiracy to steal millions of dollars from D.C. taxpayers and spend the money on luxury items. We are committed to ensuring that any government employee who betrays the public trust and steals from the taxpayers is held accountable. We will seek the forfeiture of all criminal proceeds and property purchased with stolen money because victims deserve restitution and criminals must not be permitted to profit from their crimes."

"Money laundering is tax evasion in progress. It is fuel for criminals to conduct their criminal affairs and is used to manipulate and erode our financial systems," said C. Andre' Martin, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation's Washington Field Office.

**FACTS:** According to court documents, Robert Steven was employed with the IRS since 1975. At the time of his arrest, Steven's position was Division Director, Modernization Information Technology Systems, and his office was located at the IRS National Office in New Carrollton, Maryland.

According to the plea agreement, Steven and a co-conspirator opened a business that eventually developed into a clothing design business called "Bellarmine Design." Bellarmine Design never grossed more than \$15,000 in a single year. From 1990 to 2007, 67 deposits in the form of fraudulently obtained District of Columbia government checks or cash proceeds from the scheme

totaling \$9,272,312.57 were made into a Bellarmine Design checking account maintained by Steven and the co-conspirator. The individual checks ranged in amounts from a handful of initial deposits over \$4,000 each, to subsequent deposits of up to \$490,000.

Steven and the co-conspirator transferred at least \$1,709,500 of these funds into another bank account used primarily by Steven. Using these funds, Steven purchased at least four Jaguar cars, a townhouse located in Edgewater, Maryland and multiple vacations to the Bahamas.

Steven faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for receipt of stolen property and 20 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the transactions involved, whichever is greater, for conspiracy to commit money laundering. U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. has scheduled his sentencing for September 8, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Within the past couple months, Connie Alexander, age 52, of Bowie; Richard Walters, age 49, both of Bowie, Maryland; Walter Jones, age 33, of Essex, Maryland; Marilyn Yoon, age 40, of Derwood, Maryland; and Ricardo R. Walters, age 33, of Ft. Washington, Maryland, have pleaded guilty in connection with the property tax refund scheme. Ricardo Walters, Richard Walters and Alexander each face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for receipt of stolen property and 20 years in prison for conspiracy to commit money laundering at their sentencing on July 23, September 8 and 25, 2008, respectively. Walter Jones faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the transactions involved, whichever is greater, for conspiracy to commit money laundering at his sentencing on September 11, 2008. Marilyn Yoon faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for possession of property obtained by fraud at her sentencing on September 12, 2008.

Zona Albritton, a 48-year-old, Maryland woman, was sentenced in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth for embezzleing money from her former employer, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Judge Lamberth sentenced Albritton to 12 months of incarceration and ordered her to make restitution in the amount of \$75,446.00. On April 4, 2008, Albritton pled guilty to one count of embezzlement of union funds.

**FACTS:** According to the factual proffer agreed to by Albritton, between September 2003 and April 2004, Albritton was employed as the Manager of General Services for AFSCME. AFSCME is the nation's largest public service employees union representing more than 1.4 million workers in various fields of employment. As the Manager of General Services, Albritton was responsible for the overall maintenance and operations of two buildings occupied by the union at 1101 Seventeenth Street, NW, and 1625 L Street, NW, in Washington, D.C. Albritton's duties included soliciting bid proposals from vendors, negotiating with vendors and selecting the winning bids for any work that needed to be done to maintain the buildings.

Between December 2003 and April 2004, Albritton submitted several false bid proposals and invoices to the AFSCME accounts payable department in the name of RCS Construction &

Paint, Inc., (RCS). These false documents were associated with five different painting, flooring and installation projects conducted on behalf of AFSCME. The work that should have been performed by RCS either, was not completed at all or completed by entities with no relationship to RCS pursuant to separate bid proposals to perform the same work that had been approved by Albritton. This activity was unknown and unauthorized by her employer. The false proposals and invoices submitted by Albritton on behalf of RCS convinced AFSCME management that RCS had performed the work for the union. As a result, AFSCME generated a total of seven checks payable to RCS totaling \$110,543,12.

Mansour Salahmand, a Virginia man was indicted by a federal grand jury on numerous charges for pretending to be a licensed physician and stealing the names and identification numbers of doctors. Salahmand, 53, most recently of Sterling, Virginia, was charged in an eleven-count indictment with four counts of identity theft, three counts of unlawful use of another person's DEA number in the dispensing of a controlled substance, and four counts of forgery.

**FACTS:** According to the indictment, Salahmand was not a licensed physician and not authorized by the District of Columbia, Maryland, or the DEA to write prescriptions for controlled substances. Nonetheless, Salahmand tricked multiple mental health clinics into hiring him as a medical doctor, that is, a psychiatrist. Salahmand falsely told various clinics that certain doctors would be supervising him, when, in fact, the doctors had not agreed to do so. Once hired, Salahmand pretended to be a licensed doctor and allegedly forged four different doctors' names and used their DEA authorization numbers without their permission to write prescriptions for controlled substances.

The indictment further alleges that Salahmand obtained the doctors' names and DEA authorization numbers by working at some of the same clinics which had previously employed the doctors. Salahmand even created and used fake prescription pads with the names and DEA numbers of three of the four doctors without the doctors' knowledge or permission. During the course of the fraud, from August 2004 to October 2006, Salahmand allegedly tricked more than seven mental health clinics into hiring him, and wrote over 150 prescriptions for Schedule II and Schedule IV controlled substances forging the names of the doctors.

If convicted of all counts at trial, Salahmand could face about 24 - 33 months under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless found guilty.

Jermaine L. Griffin a 34-year-old Northeast District of Columbia man, has been sentenced to a term of 14 years in prison for possessing almost a half of a kilogram of crack cocaine. Griffin, formerly of the 1000 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NE, Washington, D.C., received his sentence on Friday, June 27, 2008, before U.S. District Judge John D. Bates. In February

2008, a federal jury in the District of Columbia found Griffin guilty of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

**FACTS:** Evidence at trial demonstrated that during a traffic stop at 14<sup>th</sup> and Perry Streets, NW, Washington, D.C., U.S. Park Police Officer Sean D'Augostine noticed what appeared to be crack cocaine on the console of a Chevy Tahoe driven by Jermaine Griffin. A search of the vehicle, revealed a 7-UP soda can that had been modified with a pull-off top to conceal cocaine inside, but otherwise had the appearance of a normal soda can. Additional cocaine was concealed underneath the cup holder. In total, Griffin was found in possession of 379.9 grams of crack cocaine when he was stopped. According to expert testimony, the total street value of the crack cocaine recovered from Griffin exceeded \$55,000.

Kevin Quattlebaum, a 41-year-old District of Columbia man, has been sentenced to a total of 126 months in prison after being previously found guilty by a federal jury of Possession with the Intent to Distribute more than 50 Grams of Cocaine Base. Quattlebaum received his sentence in U.S. District Court before the Honorable John D. Bates, who also ordered that the defendant be placed on five years of supervised release following completion of his prison sentence. A jury found Quattlebaum guilty of the charge in December 2007.

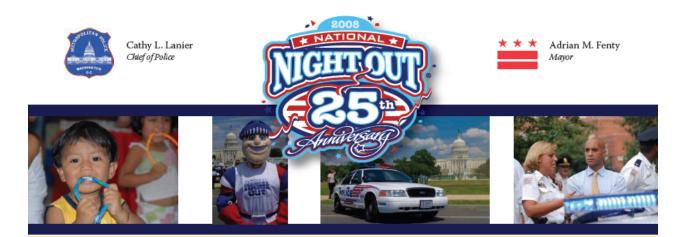
**FACTS:** According to the government's evidence, on August 17, 2007, an undercover officer witnessed the defendant and another individual enter the defendant's truck and appear to count money. After a lawful traffic stop and search in the 1700 block of Lyman Place, NE, Washington, D.C. (PSA 504), officers found approximately 180 grams of crack cocaine, valued at approximately \$25,000 in retail street value, inside a pair of Nike shoes. Subsequent DNA testing matched material in the shoe to the defendant.

Mary Gay, a former U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employee, has pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of illegal supplementation of salary for her receipt of \$500 for her personal use for wrongfully deleting from VA computer files over \$24,000 in medical bills for a veteran in 2006. Gay, 53, of District Heights, Maryland, entered her guilty plea on Friday, June 27, 2008, before U.S. Magistrate Judge John M. Facciola in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. When Gay is sentenced later this year, she faces up to 6 months of imprisonment, and potentially probation, under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

**FACTS:** According to the government's evidence, Gay was employed as a VA patient representative at the VA's Medical Center in Washington, D.C., working in the Medical Care Cost Recovery area. Gay's primary responsibility was to handle walk-in patient billing inquiries.

On or about March 6, 2006, Gay told family members of a veteran that, in return for a cash payment of \$500, she would write off bills that had accumulated for the veteran at the Medical Center. In order to demonstrate that Gay could, in fact do this, Gay wrote off \$4,365 of the veteran's medical bills that day.

On or about March 17, 2006, two members of the veteran's family met with Gay in her office and gave her \$500 in cash. Gay, in return, wrote off \$20,153.60 of additional medical bills at the Medical Center for the veteran. Gay took the \$500 and kept it for her own personal use. Gay subsequently retired from the VA.



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The Following Report, Titled "Papered Arrests"
Contains Details on Arrests and Charges Filed Against
Defendants in the Second District.

PSA	ARREST DATE	CCN	PAPERD LEAD CHARGE & AUSA'S NAME	DEFENDANT'S NAME	PAPERED CASES	SECTION ASSIGNMENT & LOCATION OF OFFENSE
202	06/17/2008 17:00		THEFT SECOND DEGREE ERIN M. PAGE	RAWLS, CLIFTON	2008CMD013697	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 5333 WISC AVE NW
202	06/18/2008 10:13	08083435	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY-MISD JEREMY D. BROUSSARD	STELLY, XAVIER J	2008CMD013816	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 5055 A STREET S.E.
202	06/24/2008 12:20	08086720	SHOPLIFTING	HUNTER, CHRISTOPHER	2008CMD014413	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 5300 WISC AVE N.W.
202	06/26/2008 10:40	08079207	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200	PETERS, MICHAEL	2008CMD014549	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 Block R St. NW
202	06/26/2008 11:20	08087888	SHOPLIFTING	MARSHALL, MICHAEL	2008CMD014613	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 5300 WISCONSIN AVE NW
	06/27/2008 21:05	08088762	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200	AHMIM, ABDELHAKIM	2008CMD014759	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 4500 WISCONSIN AVE NW
204	06/12/2008 13:30	08080280	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	HART, MICHAEL	2008CMD013326	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 3327 Connecticut Ave NW

PSA	ARREST DATE	CCN	PAPERD LEAD CHARGE & AUSA'S NAME	DEFENDANT'S NAME	PAPERED CASES	SECTION ASSIGNMENT & LOCATION OF OFFENSE
	06/16/2008 14:40	08051627	THEFT SECOND DEGREE DARRYL FOX	THOMAS, ANTIONE H	2008CMD013605	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2226 Wisconsin Ave
	06/25/2008 00:05	08087117	ASSAULT ON A POLICER OFFICER-DANG WEAPON	MOSS, RODWICK A	2008CMD014369	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2600 BLK CONN. AVE NW
	06/25/2008 00:05	08087117	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200	MARTIN, RONALD T	2008CMD014372	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT
	06/18/2008 06:10	08073745	ROBBERY JONATHAN P. HOOKS	WADE, DEVAUGHN	2008CF3013898	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 2617 P Street, N.W.
206	06/18/2008 12:38	08078641	THEFT FIRST DEGREE STEPHANIE G. MILLER	GREEN, HENRY T	2008CF2013903	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 2900 M St., NW, WDC
	06/18/2008 21:30	08083772	CARRY PISTOL W/O LIC - OUTSIDE HOME/BUSINESS	NELSON, MARCUS L	2008CF2013839	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 2500 Block of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
	06/20/2008 20:50		SHOPLIFTING	MINASOUA, ALINA	2008CMD014065	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3111 M St. NW

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206	06/23/2008 17:11	08086311	SHOPLIFTING	AHMIM, ABDELHAKIM	2008CMD014289	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 3111 M Street NW
206	06/26/2008 18:30	08088096	CARRY PISTOL W/O LIC - OUTSIDE HOME/BUSINESS BRIDGET M. FITZPATRICK	WILLIAMS, JAMES G	2008CF2014579	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 3000 Block of K. Street, NW, Washington, DC
	06/05/2008 07:25		SIMPLE ASSAULT SEAN M. LEWIS	SANTIAGO, FELIX	2008CMD012708	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2401 Virginia Ave. NW Washington D.C.
207	06/06/2008 21:50	08077324	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE ERIN O. LYONS	MCGHIE, CORDERO	2008CF2012867	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 2300 Block of I Street, NW
	06/09/2008 22:00	08078328	ROBBERY JONATHAN P. HOOKS	JOHNSON, ANTWANN	2008CF2012982	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 912 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
207	06/14/2008 04:10		DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200 THOMAS D. SEYMOUR	SANDIRASEGARANE, SANDEEP	2008CMD013493	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 514 19th St. NW Washington, DC
	06/18/2008 23:00	08083828	POSS OF A CONTROL SUBSTANCE -MISD	GOODCHILD, TREVOR S	2008CMD013869	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 950 24TH ST NW

PSA	ARREST DATE	CCN	PAPERD LEAD CHARGE & AUSA'S NAME	DEFENDANT'S NAME	PAPERED CASES	SECTION ASSIGNMENT & LOCATION OF OFFENSE
207	06/22/2008 14:20	08023770	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	ORTEGA URIAS, FRANCISCO A	2008CMD014198	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 900 BLOCK OHIO DRIVE SW
207	06/22/2008 14:20	08023770	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	GALAVIZ CHAVARRIA, LUIS A	2008CMD014199	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 900 BLOCK OHIO DRIVE SW
207	06/22/2008 14:20	08023770	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	VELASCO GALAVIZ, KELLY N	2008CMD014201	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT
207	06/24/2008 12:10	08086784	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200	JONES, DAVID A	2008CMD014371	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 900 23rd St. NW
208	06/04/2008 19:00		SIMPLE ASSAULT JOSEPH W. TIRRELL	SIMMONS, SHAWN J	2008CMD012701	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 67 DUPONT CIRCLE NW
208	06/06/2008 00:25	08076832	SIMPLE ASSAULT	PERRON, CHRISTOPHER L	2008CMD014528	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1600 BLK OF 17TH ST NW
208	06/06/2008 16:00	08077080	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	FRIEDMAN, HOWARD S	2008CMD014624	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1914 CONN AVE NW

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	06/06/2008 16:30	08077071	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	HELLERANTA, JAAKKO S	2008CMD014550	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1914 CONN AVE NW
208	06/06/2008 18:29	08077189	SEXUAL SOLICITATION BRENDA C. WILLIAMS	BAKER, BONITTA T	2008CMD012874	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT
208	06/06/2008 18:30	08077118	THEFT SECOND DEGREE JENNIFER L. LIGHTBODY	BARNES, KEITH R	2008CMD012845	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 2000 M St. NW
208	06/06/2008 18:31	08077189	SEXUAL SOLICITATION BRENDA C. WILLIAMS	CHAMBERS, NATAYA	2008CMD012873	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1914 Connecticut Ave., NW
	06/06/2008 20:15	08077252	SEXUAL SOLICITATION BRENDA C. WILLIAMS	HOFFMAN, KRISTEN	2008CMD012859	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 1914 CONNECTICUT AVE NW
208	06/07/2008 10:45	08075316	BURGLARY TWO BRIDGET M. FITZPATRICK	ANTHONY, EUGENE	2008CF2012900	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 1225 Connecticut Ave
208	06/07/2008 16:00	08077685	THREATS TO DO BODILY HARM -MISD REBEKAH SITTNER	MADDOX, JASON E	2008CMD012921	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1811 S ST NW

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	06/10/2008 03:15	08078949	UNLAWFUL ENTRY ADEMUYIWA T. BAMIDURO	BYRD, BRICE O	2008CMD013038	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1817 Swann St. N.W. #B
208	06/12/2008 16:05	08080348	POSS W/I TO DIST A CONTROL SUBSTANCE MAIA L. MILLER	HILTY, MICHEAL E	2008CF2013365	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT across from 21 Dupont Circle, NW (in circle)
208	06/12/2008 19:00	08080448	POSS OF A CONTROL SUBSTANCE -MISD ADEMUYIWA T. BAMIDURO	GREENE, MATHEW W	2008CMD013379	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1700 RHODE ISLANDAVE NW
208	06/13/2008 13:20	08080849	THEFT SECOND DEGREE JOSEPH W. TIRRELL	TRUESDALE, DAVID	2008CMD013414	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1747 Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 205
	06/14/2008 00:30		SEXUAL SOLICITATION ROCHELLE L. MILLS	WEST, SARAH R	2008CMD013455	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 16th & k st. NW
	06/14/2008 01:00	08081221	PANDERING BRIDGET M. FITZPATRICK	MONDELUS, STEVE M	2008CF2013466	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 1500 block of K Street NW
	06/14/2008 01:52		SEXUAL SOLICITATION KWASI A. FIELDS	LATOYA, HALL	2008CMD013446	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 14th & L Street, NW, Washington DC

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	06/14/2008 02:15		SEXUAL SOLICITATION BRENDA C. WILLIAMS	EAM, SOKVKA	2008CMD013448	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 L Street, NW, WDC
	06/16/2008 02:15		ASSAULT ON A POLICER OFFICER-DANG WEAPON ADEMUYIWA T. BAMIDURO	DAVIS, CURTIS L	2008CMD013502	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1520 K Street NW Washington DC
208	06/17/2008 14:20	08082896	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	MILES, STOUT	2008CMD013715	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1731 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NW
208	06/17/2008 14:25	08082896	THEFT SECOND DEGREE	HENDLEY, JASON W	2008CMD013709	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT
	06/19/2008 00:16	08083864	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$200	CALDWELL, DAVID B	2008CMD013846	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1768 CHURCH ST NW
208	06/19/2008 14:47		RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY-MISD REBEKAH SITTNER	GOINS, PAMELA D	2008CMD013987	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1720 L STREET, NW (Farragut North Metro Station)
	06/21/2008 01:27	08084990	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	JONES, LAKISHA H	2008CMD014241	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 BLK L ST NW

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	06/21/2008 01:39	08084994	SEXUAL SOLICITATION KWASI A. FIELDS	CHANCELLOR, SHIELA M	2008CMD014246	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 15th and L ST NW
	06/21/2008 01:45	08084995	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	JOHNSON, LATOYA L	2008CMD014254	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 BLK OF K ST NW
	06/21/2008 01:50	08084998	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	SAUNDERS, SYREETA M	2008CMD014248	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 BLK K ST NW
208	06/21/2008 01:52	08085003	SEXUAL SOLICITATION KWASI A. FIELDS	BROGAN, MICHELLE	2008CMD014243	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1400 BLK L ST NW
	06/21/2008 02:02	08085007	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	JAMES, TAMIKA D	2008CMD014253	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 BLK L ST NW
	06/21/2008 02:04		SIMPLE ASSAULT	BARALA, JULIO C	2008CMD014136	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1916 14th Street NW
	06/21/2008 02:15	08085016	SEXUAL SOLICITATION KWASI A. FIELDS	SUTHERLAND, NICOLE	2008CMD014239	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1000 BLOCK OF 16TH STREET, NW

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	06/21/2008 02:25	08085021	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	SETTLE, ALISON F	2008CMD014238	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 BLK K ST NW
	06/21/2008 02:31	08085024	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	BRYCH, MARTYNA	2008CMD014251	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1400 BLK OF K ST NW
	06/21/2008 02:47	08085035	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	ROSARIO, TYFFANY S	2008CMD014237	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1400 BLK OF I ST NW
208	06/21/2008 02:49	08085032	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	WOOD, JENNIFER	2008CMD014252	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1400 BLK K ST NW
	06/21/2008 03:09	08085045	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	FORD, LAKIESHA	2008CMD014240	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 11TH & K ST NW
	06/21/2008 03:19	08085066	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	DIGGS, TANYA A	2008CMD014230	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 15TH & L ST NW
	06/21/2008 03:26	08085068	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	WOOD, GINGER R	2008CMD014232	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1400 BLK OF K ST NW

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	06/26/2008 22:14	08088801	ROBBERY JAMILA Z. HOARD	BROWN, EDWARD S	2008CF3014653	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 1500 block of Q st NW
	06/27/2008 20:30	08088598	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	WALKER, GRAYLIN	2008CMD014745	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW
	06/27/2008 22:00		SEXUAL SOLICITATION	JOHNSON, SHALECIA L	2008CMD014727	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW, WDC
	06/27/2008 22:20	08088663	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	CORNETT, BOBBY JOE	2008CMD014676	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., NW
	06/27/2008 23:20	08088822	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	GLYNN, MELISSA M	2008CMD014747	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, FELONY UNIT 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW
	06/28/2008 01:53	08088916	SEXUAL SOLICITATION	SWINSKY, ANTHONY	2008CMD014734	SC, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, MISDEMEANOR UNIT 1500 New Hampshire Ave NW
	06/28/2008 04:15	08089000	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY OVER \$200 GEORGE P. ELIOPOULOS	CASTILLO, FERNANDO	2008CF2014680	SC, FELONY MAJOR CRIMES SECTION 900 17th street nw